Arkansas: Warmer this after-noon and early tonight, colder late tonight and early Friday west and north portions. Fresh to strong winds this afternoon and tonight.

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British Split Axis Forces

All French Fleet Units in North Africa to Join Allies

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

- ALEX. H. WASHBURN-

Something to Write About

Ration Controls

Washington, Dec. 17 —(A)— Reports that Leon Henderson would

be succeeded as price administra-

tor soon by Senator Prestiss Brown

• Michigan brought predictions to-

day that one of the immediate re-

sults would be a softening of ra-

tioning controls to release more

supplies to civilians.

Reliable sources said that unless

ome hitch developed, Henderson would resign shortly after the first

of the year for a four months rest

and treatment for a back ailment and Brown, defeated in the Novem-

ber elections, would be named as

The appointment of Brown was said to have been agreed upon at

a White House conference yester-

day after the Michigan Democrat

peviously had declined the post,

preferring to return to his private

to have been made after Hen-derson insisted that he must have

a four-months lavoff to protect his

he might return to government ser-

istrator, friends said there was no doubt that he would move speedily

tions that have arisen over the en-

forcement of rationing programs,

such as those entailing nationwide

Brown has made no secret of the

fact that he believed some of the

rationing orders were too harsh,

that more could be accomplished

through voluntary agreements and through compulsion.

there have been open threats

to carry on all of the activities it

has undertaken in connection with

Henderson has been the object of

curtailment of gasoline sales.

rice in another capacity.

to obliterate some of the

The arrangement was reported

By JACK BELL

his successor

--- Washington

Your editorial writer, like a bad penny, turns up here every day. But like the penny and its two sides he has a couple of quite different days. Take Wednesday for instance. On Wednesday he feels like writing about things people ought to be studying. But on Thursday he studies the things people really like to read about, and he writes about them. This is

We find on diligent study that apparently every living newspaper subscriber in America has read Expected OPA about the WAAC who did a striptease act in a Des Moines burlesque house and was dishonorably dis-Shift May Relax

It is, of course, very difficult to go on discussing the sober subject and dry figures of government in this column while the news columns snatch our audience. Not to be left commissioner of French Africa, alone, therefore, we have quit the gave reasons for his dealings with lecture auditorium and moved across the alley to the burlesque

night looking for a theatrical engagement.

"Now that she is free to talk," declares the AP dispatch, "she says that the dance she did in Des Moines was not a strip tease, but a comparatively sedate dance, done to the first eight bars of 'Song of India' and a bit

of Rayel's 'Bolero'.'' Whatever it was it shook the world. The WAAC's 'fired'' her and the next day a group of aviation cadets at Union City, Tenn., voted her "the girl we would most like to have with us on a forced

All of which must leave the WAAC's feeling pretty blue.
Things like the Des Moines incident have started wars in the past -but our war is already started and

we don't need any 'incident''.
So the WAAC's "fired" the lady -and the air instructors will prob-ably give her cadet admirers douwork for thinking about companions in a forced landing when they ought to be studying about health, after which it was believed

Must File If Brown becomes price admin-Inventories of Coffee Dec. 31

Retailers and wholesalers of coffee must file a report before December 31 with local rationing boards, listing their coffee inventory as of November 21, the State OPA Office announced yesterday.

Two separate report forms are provided for different classes of much criticism in Congress and dealers. Wholesalers and retailers trim appropriations to a point where it might be impossible for who sell roasted coffee but do not roast it themselves must report to the local board on form R-1202, the Office of Price Administration which sets up three subdivisions. Small groceries selling less than 2,000 pounds of roasted coffee durthe original price control act and ing September, should report the sentative to the whole world — that west of Buna on the Mambare the subsequent measure providing store's gross sales of all items durproad authority over prices, wages and salaries. ing September and compute its coffee quota on a basis of one pound As a former member of both the for each \$10 gross sales.

A second subdivision is composed

House and Senate, a personally well-liked member of congress, Brown would be expected to obtain ness after September 1 and before admiral's reply. November 22, for which reports an average daily sales must be made. All other retail and wholesale establishments are in a separate classifiber of pounds of roasted coffee sold clared: in September. All merchants must compute their allowable inventory

> Mrs. Eudora H. Eason, Secretary of the Hempstead County War Price and Rationing Board announced that form R-1202 is on hand at the local office and urge all retailers and wholesalers to file their inventories immediately. Second Report Form
> A separate report form, R-1203,

is provided for retailers and wholesalers who roast their own green coffee. This report form requires similar information to that required from dealers in roasted coffee except that there is no separate classification for a firm handling less than 2,000 pounds of coffee during September. Form R-1203 is available only at the State OPA

POSTMASTERS NOMINATED Washington, Dec. 17 -(A)- President Roosevelt has nominated these Arkansas postmasters: Benton, Charles F. Elza, and Clinton, John Freeman Graddy.

The ring is kid's play compared with this battle out here. This is a finish fight with no holds bared. And there's no referee to beak the clinches

Admiral Darlan Also Explains Change of Views AASES

By WES GALLAGHER

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Allied Headquarters in Sorth Africa, Dec. 17 — Admrial Jean Darlan flatly declared today that formilable French fleet units at Da-kar, Alexandria and North African ports would join the British and United States fleets on the high seas to fight the Axis.

In an exclusive statement to this correspondent, the former comman-der of all of Vichy's armed forces, now recognized by Lieut. Gen Dwight D. Eisnehower as high the Germans in Vichy the past two years and, in answer to a question regarding General Charles De Kathryn Gregory, "fired" by the Gaulle, Fighting French leader, ex-WAAC's arrived in Chicago last pressed the hope that "all Frenchmen who are able to fight the Axis will do it in close union,"

The pipe-smoking admiral made the formal statement that "French Africa, with the Allies, must make the maximum military effort for the defact of Germany and Italy" and he disavowed personal ambitions as his motive for joining the Allies,

Giving the first definite word o plans for the French Naval units whose aid will give a great boost to Allied Naval power, Darlan replied "yes, definitely!" To the question "does Mr. Darlan plan to use the French fleet that is left at Dakar, Alexandria and North African ports against the Axis"

(Demobilized at Alexandria are the 22,189 - ton battleship Lorraine, four cruisers and at least one sub-marine. At Dakar are the 35-000 ton battleship Richelieu, damaged in 1940; three 7,600 - ton cruisers, the Gloire, Montealm and Georges Leygues; three destroyers; eight to 12 submarines; and the submarine tender Jules Verne, Among vessels in North Africa are the 35,-000-ton battleship Jean Bart, damaged, at Casablanca; various disnarines and three sub marines which escaped from Tou-

In reply to a question "Does Mr. Darlan recognize General de and a headquarters spokesman las dauntless, failed to return from

two French interests but replied: "I for the present time have no will do it in close union."

he regarded his authority as limited strictly to North Africa and French West Africa.

is, does his government represent all the French empire or just North | moved ashore Sunday night. Africa and Dakar?" he was asked. "For the present the high com-

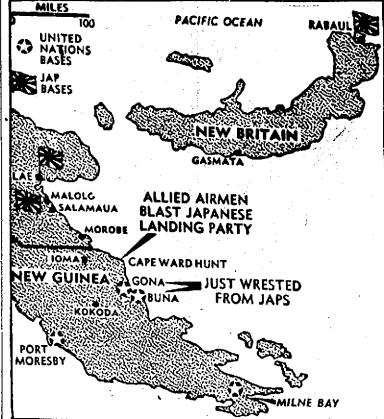
A second subdivision is composed mission represents North Africa of groceries which went into busi- and French West Africa," was the Asked whether his government

"plans any coalition with other French movements in the world so as to present a United French Mambare from the enemy naval flo-front to the enemy," Darlan de- tilla which was discovered and cation which must report the num- front to the enemy," Darlan de-

on the basis previously stated and cd States of America and Britain of New Guinea, Liberator B-24's report on the actual amount of coffee on hand as of midnight November of the greatest extent to be greatest. he greatest extent to he war ef-

He described as premature a (Continued on Page Six)

Today's War Map



Today's war map shows how the Allies are blasting the Japs who are seeking to regain a toehold in New Guinea.

New Guinea —War in Pacific

Allied Headquarters in Australia, Dec. 17 —(P)—On land and in the air Allied forces strove today to complete domination of the Buna men faithfully obeyed his mandate to hold the New Guinea beach head to the last man.

able four beached cruisers, destroy ers communique said succinctly. tralian soldiers still fought on both its crew was rescued. sides of their hold on Buna village

close the door on union between the A captured Japanese artilleryman told intelligence officers that his emperor's order was delivered statement to make on the subject to troops of General Tamatore but I eagerly wish that all Frenchmen who are able to fight the Axis was given word of the pounding cruiser brought to 142 the number will do it in place with the Axis.

New Battle Reported Melbourne, Dec. 17 -(P) - Allied and Japanese troops were reported 12 Zeros. "Is Mr. Darlan's government to by a Herald war correspondent tobe considered as France's repre. day to have come to grips northriver, where enemy reinforcements

Land fighting flared there even while fiercer battles raged in the cocoanut groves about Buna, l was said. The correspondent, F. R. Peter-

son, said it was now estimated that only about 250 Japanese succeeded in landing at the mouth of the routed by Allied bombers during "My only scheme is to work in the attempt to establish a new complete agreement with the Unit." major salient on the northeast cost were still scarching for the fleeing vessels.

Average person makes use of 8000 toto 10,000 words. Doctors know 25,000

New Battle on U.S. Planes Hit **Enemy Ship in** Is Reported Raid on Munda

Washington, Dec. 17 -(AP)- Navy ive bombers sriking at Japanese ships and installations at Munda on New Georgia island in the Solomons, hit and damaged one enemy area where Emperor Hirhito's ported today, while Flying Fortresses engaged and destroyed 12 Japanese Zero fighters nearby.

The Navy said the Flying Fort-"Our pressure on the enemy is resses were attacked by the dozen slowly increasing," the headquart- Japanese fithters near New Georgia island. The entire force of Zeros But from the Papuan front came | was shot down in a sharp engage reports that United States and Aus- ment. One fortress was lost, but One of the dive bombers, a Doug-

Gaulle's national committee as rep said Allied plncs were bombing the raid on Munda where the Japresentating any part of France," said Allied planes were bombing anese have been seeking to establish a new air base,

The raid was the seventh on the Munda base. It encountered the first enemy opposition in two days.

Darlan indicated, however, that his men were getting from General of Japanese ships announced as sunk or damaged in the Solomons The enemy's plane lossse were boosted to 649 by destruction of the

> The text of the communique, reporting the two cations follows: "South Pacific (all dates are east longitude)

"1. On December 16: "A. A number of Navy dive bombers (Douglas 'Dauntless') attacked Japanese ships and installations in the Munda area on New Georgia island. An enemy destroyer (or cruiser) was hit and damaged. One 'Dauntless' failde to

return.

"B. A group of Army 'Flying Forthesses' (Boeing (B-17) was intercepted by 12 land - type enemy 'Zeros' in the vicinity of New Georgia island. The entire intercepting force of 'Zeros' was shot down. One 'Fortress' was lost but crew was rescued."

Ben C. Shipp Named Accountant for OPA

Ben C. Shipp, former Hope citizen who since 1937 has served as headquarters of the Arkansas Unemployment Compensation Diviion, has just been announced as accountant for the state Office of Price Administration (OPA). Mr. hipp married the former Margaret New fields probably will be discovered as wildcatters continue 619 Rock street. Little Rock.

RAF Planes Blast German Targets

bad weather a small force of RAF bombers attacked targets in northministry announced today.

Mines also were laid in enemy ond time." waters, the announcement sadi. The reco It is estimated that hundreds of One British aircraft was reported millions of barrels of oil can be lost and one German Messer-

Tide of Battle Swings in Favor

of Russian Army —Europe

week of comparative indecision, the broad course of warfare on the frozen eastern front appeared to be swinging definitely back in favor of the Red Army today as the Soviets announced the capture of five more German strong points in the Rzhev sector on the central front and the bloody repulse of a heavy Nazi counter - drive southwest of Stalingrad.

The Axis armies, in waves counter - attacks at Kotelnikovski, 90 miles southwest of Stalingrad, attempted to roll back the flank of the Russian forces south of the Don river and thus to destroy the Russian trap about the Stalingrad besiegers, dispatches from the front

But the attacks, led by tanks, dive pombers and motorized infantry, were hurled back decisively, and the Soviets thereupon surged forward to occupy enemy fortified positions.

Axis troops were slaughtered in great numbers, Red Star, the Army newspaper, said.

Every effort to obtain their ulmiate objective was rejected," it

West of Stalingrad the Soviets were said to be widening the al-ready broad barrier, they had created between the Nazis on the Don steppes and those trapped beore Stalingrad.

Two battalions of German infanry were declared wiped out and 24 enemy tanks destroyed as the Russian drive on the central front colled over seven more villages. A dispatch said that the entire 14th German motorized division, which once numbered 20,000 men had been destroyed since the Russians began their offensive west of Mos-

cow. (Kotelnikovski, or Verkhen-Kumsky, is on the railway into the Cauasus. English maps carry it as Kotelnikovo and Kotenkovskaya.)

On another sector of the southwestern flank, the noon communique stated, Soviet tanks pursued and clashed with German tank outfits, destroying nine of the Nazi armored giants, 11 anti-tank guns and 14 trucks.

The central front action saw the Russians dislodging the Germans from one of their strong points and Stimson and Navy Secretary Knox, then smashing ahead to clear them from five populated places, the biez supinummos noor

Among the vast damage done to the Germans all along the front Guard. during the night of Dec. 16-17, the noon communique listed at least 3,250 killed, 31 planes destroyed and 19 tanks put out of action. Black Sea naval action fired a 5.000-ton transport, sank an escorting vessel and struck an enemy torpedo boat, the communique

The planes were struck at Gernan airdromes in the Caucasus, The blows by the Germans

southwest of Stalingrad had been the heaviest in the series of counterattacks against the Soviet winter offensive.

Silver Disappears In Liberia

appearance of silver coins from cirulation has become one of Liperia's monetary headaches. Government officials believe many are being buried in the interior, never to be recovered, and others melted down to provide silver for trinkets an executive in the Little Rock sold at a good profit to souvenirseeking white visitors.

Bulletins

ROME SEEKS SAFETY Bern, Dec. 17 —(/P)—The Italians are planning to remove all military objectives from Rome in an effort to avoid Allied bombings which already have devastated northern in-dustrial cities and are beginning to wreak havoc in the port of Naples, a Swiss news dispatch re-ported today.

TO SPEED SHIPMENTS

By EDDY GILMORE
Moscow, Dec. 17 —(P) After a Office of War Information announced today the sending of an economic mission to French North Africa to work under Lieut, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhwer in speeding the production and shipment of supplies for civilians and industry between North Africa and the United States and other United Nations.

ENLISH VILLAGE HIT

London, Dec. 17 -(AP)- Four nemy raiders bombed and machinegunned a village in southwest England today, causing considerable damage to buildings and serously injurying one woman.

OPA WATCHES WEATHER Washington, Dec. 17 -(A) -The Office of Price Administration assured householders in the 30-state uel oil rationing area today that it was keeping close tab on weather ecords to determine whether the value of coupons should be creased in some areas.

Army and Navy Plan to Train College Youths

Washington, Dec. 17 -(P) The Army and Navy annonuced plans today to contract for college facilities at which unqualified young men estimated to number 250,000 will be detailed for training in a uniform-and-pay system which gradually is to supplant the college reservist arrangement.

The 250,000 figure, which is an estimate of qualified persons who can not be quoted by ame, would represent nearly a third of the mentators in London said, the Brit-

Training for specialist assignnents or as officers will be provided in these institutions, a joint treat. announcement said. Candidates for The splitting of his forces also the training so far as the army is has spoiled the German propaganlisted ranks or existing reserves, while youths in civilian life may while youths in civilian life may now overwhelming evidence that be enrolled under the Navy's phase he is beaten and in full flight. of the program.

Generally, said War Secretary the program is designed to maintain a steady flow of young men into new action and the Allied pre-suitable for specialized education-

They noted that "the recent amendment to the selective service and training act reducing the draft age to 18 years will eliminate the principal source of men college students" in the colleges' normal way of functioning.

Contracts for the training program, the statement said, will be sities not yet selected. I was emphasized, however, that existing agreements with educational institutions for training programs will not be affected. Regulations for selection of the institutions will be drafted by the chairman of the war manpower commission, Paul V. McNutt.

All the men assigned to the college training courses will be uni-Monrovia, Liberia (A)—The dis- and be under the military discipformed and will receive the pay line of the regular Army, Navy,

Marine Corps or Soast Guard. The joint statement, summarizing the Army's training program, said.

"The objective of this plan is to meet the need of the Army for the (Continued on Page Three)

Flashes of Life

By The Associated Press Coffee Royal

South Bend, Ind. - Judge J. Elmer Peak of superior court sipped

a cup of coffee he brewed himself, and called in newspapermen, "Taste it," he sadi. "It's just London, Dec. 17 —(P)— Despite about as good as coffee served on most tables. At least, it beats the receipe of President Roosevelt and west Germany last night, the air Mayor Laguardia, who recommended using coffee grounds a sec-

> The receipe? One part coffee, ne part roasted rye grain,

Double Duty Dalhart, Tex. - The advanced

glider here has its dollar-and-dimea-month man. From his \$50 private's pay Ben

Hamilton Stokes deducts for insurance, his mother's allotment, and a war bond, That leaves him

Kansas City — If you see a plane flying around without a lid, tell the pilot he can pick it up here.

Clumsy

A metal and practic cockpit covering fell into an undertaker's yard. seconds after the roar of a plane was heard overhead.

Large Part of Rommel's Army Caught in Trap

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By The Associated Press London, Dec. 17 - The Axis fleeing columns in Libya have been cut in two and part of them, trappcd between British forces, have suffered heavy casualties in an effort to break out, the British and

nounced today. This stroke in the hot chase across the desert was achieved yes. terday, the Cairo communique disclosed, when Britain's Eighth Army reached Wadi Matratin, about 65 miles west of El Agheila, and cut inland to the south across Nazi Field Marshal Rommel's retreat

Some armored formations were bottled up "and continue to be severely mauled" in an attempt to reak out which already has caused them heavy losses, the communique added.

Rommel, who backed out of his defensible line at El Agheila with-out a fight, apparently to preserve his remnants as far as possible, thusay havme been dealt a crippling us may have been dealt a cripplnig blow to any hopes of getting a strong force safely into Tripoli for eventual union with the Axis

armies in Tunisia. There was no immediate estimate of the number of men and vehicles at the Eighth Army's mercy, but observers, said they formed a large Nar force intend-ed by Rommel for rearguard fight-ing, and were being methodically mopped up.

Before Rommel withdrew from El Agheila, his strength was esti-mated at 50,000 to 60,000 troops and an unknown number of tanks. Most of this army is believed to have retreated well west of the Wadi Matratin, beyond the British

Besides bringing at least part of the enemy to battle, military comnation's presently shrinking male ish now have faced him with the delining of leaving his rear forces uncovered or of pulling back more tanks from the line of re-

concerned must come from the en- da that he was wtihdrawing unmolested, they said, and there is On the opposite side of the Axis! narrownig last foothold on the south shore of the Mediterranean

ground forces in Tunisia stirred al technical training for the Army, drive as abating rains promised an end to the mud which has bogged down both sides.
The Morocco radio, saying it quoted authoritative sources, ported that Axis forces already

were falling back from the region of Medjez-El-Bab, important highway junction at the gateway to Tunis and Bizerte, This was the reverse of an earlentered with colleges and univer- ier Vichy broadcast saying that Allied troops had withdrawn from

Medjez-El-Bab, 35 miles southwest of Tunis.
"It can be said," the Morocco radio added, "that the course of the battle already is changing under the weight of Allied air super-

iority." Rommel's predicament apparent. ly was the result in large part of air blows which previously had telescoped his retreating line by stalling the front en d behind roads blocked with the blasted debris of trucks and tanks while ground

forces pressed on the rear.

"Following a night of intensive ground strafing," the Cairo communique said, "our bombers and fighter - bombers yesterday continued to attack—the—retreating

It mentioned good targets particularly in the Zauta En Nofilia area, about 100 miles overland west of El Agheila, and said they

(Continued on Page Six)



needed appropraitions with far less rouble than Henderson. Boys Club Is Organized on Wednesday

An organization meeting of a lope Boys Club, was held Wednesday afternoon at the Fire Station with the following members of the Board of Directors present: Clifford Franks, R. P. Bowen, Ted Jones, Lerroll Cornelious, Rev.

Crrbree, Bob Franklin, Ched Hall, Geo. Ware, Rev. Robert Moore, Lloyd Coop.
The following officers were elected, Jim Embree, president; Lloyd Coop, secretary. Several members on account of business or illness were unable to be present.

The purpose and aims of the club were discussed, with several mem-bers of the Board giving first hand information as to the value of Boys club work in the community. The im of the club is to provide a square deal for every child supervised physical training and recreation the value of American citizenship, good morals and personal health will be stressed. Boys dues per year will be three cents time ge. For example a boy 8 years

of age will pay 24 cents per year, (Continued on Page Three)

Opportunity for Arkansas Secondary recovery methods may

By C. E. PALMER Editor & Publisher El Dorado Daily News and Evening Times Completion of the new pipeline from Longview, Texas, to the East coast may present both a problem and an opportunity for Arkansas for the duration, and for the years

With a daily capacity of 300,000 barrels, this line is going to create a great demand for oil, and it remains to be determined from what sources this crude will be obtained. It is reasonable to assume that Arkansas may be called upon to furnish its full share, since Texas has indicated it will be impossible fields? for that state to conveniently sup-

war cause, and for the demand that will continue after the conflict?

hold a substaintial part of the answer,

their search for new sources of crude. Such operations are to be desired and every encouragemen should be offered. As each ney field comes into production, it is going to be handled in the same efficient manner as all other new Arkansas fields under the direction of the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commis-But what about the state's old

How can Arkansas deliver for the recovered from thirteen fields (Continued on Page Three)

schmitt shot down during these operations.

Rommel Delays Showdown While Europe Is Fortified



BY DEWITT MACKENZIE

Cairo, Dec. 16 - (Delayed) Nazi Marshal Rommel's tactics in the face of General Sir Bernard L. fit perfectly with the idea advanced in this column before the drive started that Hitler has assigned him to do a holding operation without adequate resources forces which never sleep and never while the Fuehrer relaigns his contimental defenses to meet the widespread eruption of Allied ini-

Unless the all highest's infalible intuition envisages something top is a plunger which will move which is not apparent to ordinary mortals he can have small expectation of being able to keep a foothold in northern Africa in view of plunger works when the wheel of the Allied strength massing against an ordinary motor car passes over

Thus, Rommel's task is to sacrifice his Army and himself in an effort to buy time for his master. Indications are that Rommel had hicle. intended to make a stand in his

However, Montgomery has move so swiftly and handled his striking without harm, thus encouraging power with such skill that the Nazi captain was forced either to retreat or to run the grave risk of

complete annihilation. Thus we see Rommel retiring again and, as he pulls back, leaving a trail of mines to block the pur-

Now, the use of mines is very common and their normal employment would cause no surprise. However, the vast numbers which the marshal sowed indicate that his preparations were made well in advance and contemplated the likelihood of retreat.

Nazi mine - sowing in the withdrawal from El Agheila naturally must slow the progress of the Eighth Army somewhat since these dangerous explosives must be removed before traffic can pass. Also, the further the British advance from their main bases the gretrer in the problem of transport although, as I previously have reported, the Eighth Army has performed wonders in the origanizaton

of transport to That Montgomery should be able so soon must remain one of the marvels of World War II.

his delaying tactics is purely a matter of guesswork.

Probaly he himself has small idea. There is one thing his mines will not halt and that is the merciless bombardment to which he is subjected day and night by the British and American Air Forces.

job along with their British col-

So, while British infantry and transport may have to slow up some because of mines, there

ies.
While sappers are removing the mines and supplies are moving up, the Allied air force will be exacting a terrible toll among the retreating

really will be little loss to the Al-

The result will be that as the British Army advances it will move as a well - coordinated and well-supplied unit ready for any-

thing.
It is likely that Rommel may Monigomery's powerful new attack hope to make some sort of stand in the great wadis or gorges which lie ahead. That probably will depend on whether he can escape the bloody pounding of the Allied air

The commonest mines which the Germans are employing arecricular steel cases about a foot in diameter and four inches thick. On downward when a certain weight is applied to it and explode the mine. Most of them are set so that the

The explosion is sufficient to wreck a truck and obviously endangers the life of anyone in the ve-

These discs of death are buried strong positions at El Agheila. His in the roadways and especially. defenses there had been long pre- on the sides of roads where vepared to meet contingencies in hicles have to turn out for passing previous swings of fortune in the traffic. They are thoroughly nasty affairs for it may happen that 20 cars will pass over one of them other cars to follow, and then the twenty - first will catch it.

The other day I motored over a piece of road from which, subsequently, 14 mines were extracted.

The removal of these mines is a job which calls for scientific knowledge, skill and, above all, extreme

bravery. We don't hear much about the sappers who go about digging up explosives but they are among the greatest heroes of the war for they risk terrible death every time they lie down on their bellies and start digging cautiously for a mine which has been located.

The location of the mines is done with delicate instruments which are unerring. Once the detector has given its

warning, the sappers start digging

Clements Stationed at Great Lakes

Great Lakes, Ill.-Getting into fighting shape to help man the warto move his supplies across hun- ships of Uncle Sam's formidable dreds of miles of desert and strike Navy is Coy H. Clements, 20, son of Mrs. Maude Clements, Route 1, Hope, Ark., who reported to the Hope long Rommel can keep up U. S. Naval Training Station here

Typhus Reported In Norway

Stockholm (A) - The swedish Health Board has started anti-typhus in-There is no escape for the un-condition of the civilian population of happy Axis troops and their trans. Tarne, in the Province of Jamtland port, for whichever way they go bordering on Norway. It is reported those all seeing warships of the that Typhus has broken out among war prisoners held by the Germans By the way, our American air accupying Norway.

Curtailment of Liquor Ordered King last night under the the war measure act. In Canada

Ottawa, Dec. 17 -(A) - Slashes in ation. the amount of beer, wine and disfilled liquors released for consump clear whether United States and said amounted to 60 per cent

King last night under the powers of exists in Ontarlo and other Cana-

His order, detailed in a longawaited temperance broadcast, also banned liquor and beer advertising in the dominion for the dur-

(It was not immediately made beginning of the war which he

tion in Canada and in their alco-holic content were ordered By such advertising would be barred Prime Minister W. L. MacKenzie from Canada but no such ban His order called for a reduction dian provinces which already prohibit ilquor advertising.)

King delacted that his order was ecessary for the total war effort. He decried an increase in bev. tilled liquors be cut to not more will have He decried an increase in beviling alcohol consumption since the than 30 per cent under proof, More interests in common should beginning of the war which he which would correspond to about make for better understanding in 35 per cent alcohol, similar to the between husbands and wives.

in distribution of beer by 10 per cent, wine by 20 per cent and spirituous liquors by 30 per cent.

King also asked that liquor dispensing stores confine their sales to an eight-hour period.

The sum total of her (woman's) knowledge will be increased in the In addition he ordered that dis- post war world because more women worked at men's jobs. better understanding

Thief Steals Purse Also Good Names

Fort Leavenworth, Kas. (4)-It wasn't so much the loss of his \$2 and some papers that a Fort Leavenworth recruit minded, when someone stole his wallet. "It too... me a long time to accumulate all of those telephone numbers," he mouned. "I sure did hate to lose



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Lace trim and tailored, tea rose, blue, white.

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Bed Jacket

To match gown

1.98

Pajamas

Crepe and rayon knit in plain and fancy 2.98-3.98

The Leading Department Store

Geo. W. Robison &

Market Report

Chicago, Dec. 17 —(P)— Except other classes steady; goo dsteers for frequent rallies of fractions to 14.00 - 15.00; medium 12.50 - 13.65; almost a cent, the grain market to-day showed little response to new buying although prices had much more stability than yesterday.

said, to weather which is stimulating farm feeding, hampering moeeing farm feeding, hampering moeeing months of grain from the country and delaying completion of harvest, Profit taking continued to plague the market but this was noticeable mostly in the wheat pit where prices were off fractions at times. Wheat closed 1-4 lower to 1-8

higher compared with yesterday, December \$1.33 3-4 — 7-8, May \$1.34 5-8—1-2; corn 1-8—3-8 higher, December 88, May 91 5-8—12; otas December 88, May 91 5-8—12; otas today. Trade and mill price fixing against government textile conhigher. Soybean futures were tracts more than balanced scale up heding and profit taking. The rank and file of outside traders asked quotations. Chicago, Dec. 17 (P)-. Poultry,

young; under 18 lb. 34; hens; young under 18 lb 36 1-2; old hens. May 18.74 and Jly 18.61. live 26 trucks; firm; turkeys, toms; 33, old toms 29; other prices unchanged.

No wheat, Corn new: No. 2 yellow 90 1-2-91 1-4; No. 3 white 1.08-1.10. old corn: No. 2 yellow 91 1-4; No. 3, 91 3-4.

Dec. - high, 1.34 3-8; low, 1.33 1-2; colse. 1.33 3-4-7-8. May - high, 1.35 1-4; low, 1.34 3-8; close, 1.34 5-8-1-2.

Dec. - high, 88 1-2; low, 87 7-8; close, 88. May - high, 92 1-8; low, 91 1-4; close, 91 5-8-1-2.

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK National Stockyards, Ill., Dec. 17

Cattle, 2,500; calves, 1,000; steers were in the nieghborhood of 1,300, steady to 25 higher; heifers strong;

nore stability than yesterday.

Sausage bulls 10.50 - 12.25; good and choic evealers 15.25; medium said, to weather which is stimulat- and good 12.75-14.00; nominal range

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Dec. 17 —(P)— Cotton prices kept on a fairly even keel kept to the sidelines.

Late afternoon values were 15 to May 18.74 and Jly 18.61. Futures closed 15-60 cents a bale

higher. Jan - closed 18.90N Mch-opened, 18.70; closed, 18.90 May-opened, 18.70; Jly-opened, 18.57; Oct—opened, 18.49; closed, 18.60 Dec—opened, 18.52; closed, 18.58n

middling spot 20.55n; up 5 N-Nominal NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, Dec. 17 -(AP)- The stock market today gave its best recovery performance in months with leaders advancing 1 to around 4 points, many to new tops for the year, and dealings the liveliest since last December.

The list was a bit hesitant at (P) (U.S. Dept. Agr.) — Hogs, the start but strong bids soon were 12,000; fairly active; 180 lbs. 10 to forthcoming for steels, rails, mot-15 higher than average Wednes- ors, rubbers and assorted indusday: lighter weights and sows 15 trial blue chips. Low - priced issues to 25 higher; bulk good and choice continued to account for a sizable 180-270 lbs. 14.25-35; top 14.35; lat- portion of the volume. General er deals around 14.25; heavier gains were well manitained in the weights scarce; 140 - 160 lbs. 13.50-13.51; hour although the pace slackened somewhat after mid - day.

Transfers for the full proceedings

Cattle 2.50; calves 1.000; ctears



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rle, Mrs. Blair Shuford, Mrs. Ken-neth Hamilton, Mrs. K. J. Kap-linger, and Mrs. E. W. Copeland.

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served from the tea table in the

dining room. Mrs. Charles Thomas,

president of the class, presided the

coffee service. Nandina berries and candles in silver holders adorn-

Enjoying the party with the mem-

bers were three guests, Mrs. Robert

Charles Thomas, Mrs. Herbert

Lewallen, Mrs. Clyde Hendrixson,

Mrs. Curtis Urrey, Mrs. B. W. Edwards, Mrs. Blair Shuford, Mrs. W.

A. Mudgett, Mrs. Marion Buchan-

an, Mrs. Eugene Boyce, Miss Rose

Harrie, Mrs. K. J. Kaplinger, Mrs.

Coming and Going

Mrs. Raymond Jones and Mrs. Clyde Monts motored to Texarkana

Mrs. Milton Eason departed Wed-

nesday for Seattle, Wash, to spend Christmas with her husband, First

William Greene of Camp Living-

ston, La. has arrived to spend a month with his parents, Mr. and

Mrs. L. M. Lile and Mrs. Rem-

After a visit with her daughter,

Texas, Mrs. E. C. Saunders has re-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Barr.

Mrs. Irma Dean is leaving Sat-

Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, Mrs

Frank Johnson, Mrs. L. W. Young.

and Mrs. A. L. Black were visitors

Staff Sergeant Charles H. Duke,

for the past 18 months is visiting

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duke, Sr., 722 North Elm street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Wingfield

Mr. and Mrs. Crit Stuart have as

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John Wayne

John Carroll

"Flying

have gone to Texarkana for the By WILLIAM WOODS

in Texarkana yesterday.

Washington, D. C.

turned to her home in the city.

Graves, and Mrs. Luck.

Licutenant Milton Eason.

Mrs. Joe B. Greene.

friends.

ice club there.

ed the center of the table.

Dalsy Dorothy Heard, Editor

All society news must reach this office by 10 a. m. to insure publication the same day.

_OSocial Calendar

Thursday, December 17th Lilae Garden club meeting, home of Mrs. J. A. Henry with Mrs. S. G. Norton, co-hostess, 3 o'clock. Members are asked to bring gifts for kchange at this Christmas meet-

B. Moore, Mrs. E. W. Copeland, and Mrs. Thomas Compton. Mem-bers attending were: Mrs. Ben The public is invited to attend a Christmas service 'The Nativity' arranged by Rosamond Kimball at Ediamonston, Miss Estelle Loggins, the High School auditorium Thurspay at 1:10 p. m. The Library club, with the assistance of other pupils, is presenting the program.

Hope chapter, 328, Order of the Eastern Star, the Masonic hall, 7:00 o'clock.

Friday, December 18th

At the Hotel Barlow, members of the Service class of the First Christian church will entertain with a Christmas dinner, 8 o'clock. Each member is asked to bring an inexpėnsive gift,

Friday, December 18th. The Past presidents of the Friday

Music club will entertain members yesterday. of the music club Friday afternoon 7. 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. C. Carlton.

Tuesday, December 22nd A meeting of the Cosmopolitian club will be held at the home of Mrs. Kelly Bryant with Mrs. George

ewbern co-hostess, 8 o'clock. Methodist Class Party is Event

Wednesday Evening Members of the Jett B. Graves class of the First Methodist Sunday Rock today. chool met at the home of Mrs. Tollis Luck Wednesday evening with Mrs. O. A. Graves associate Mrs. Bynum Brooks in Midland,

Artistic Christmas arrangements centered around a beautiful lighted Christmas tree banked with gifts, Shich were exchanged by the members and guests. On the mantel of the living room a Nativity scene was noted, and the buffet held a winter village scene.

Winners in the seasonal games nd contests were Miss Rose Har

"Mexican Spitfire's Elephant"

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Famous Party to Appear at

The internationally known Fox Evangelistic Party of Canada, will present the annual Christmas program at the Hope Gospel Taber-The Fox party will be present in

the services Sunday morning and

night. Sunday morning Mr. Lorne F. Fox, accomplished musician, Rev. William Cantelon, while Mr. and Mrs. Fox furnish a musical background. The painting will be given to the person bringing the larger number to the Sunday night serv-

through a program of secondary re-covery which could be carried out at little expense compared to the increase in dollars and cents from

This large amount of oil will become largely irrecoverable and therefore lost to the operators, royalty owners and the st ate through early abandonment of the fields un-less secondary recovery methods are adopted.

as large as that to be found in the Smackover field, or a number of the other old fields Federal authorities are taking an active interest Miss Nell Louise Broyles is exin secondary recovery efforts, and pected Saturday from Henderson it is quite possible that if it be-State Teachers' College, Arka-comes necessary to turn to such delphia, to spend the Christmas practices to sustain the war effort, equipment may be made available holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. as quickly as in the case of wildcat Broyles and other relatives and

There is the further possibility of PFC Arthur Barr returned to disruption of South Arkansas econ-Camp Barkley, Texas today after omy in efforts to meet the demand a pre-holiday visit with his parfor crude. Calls for heavy withdrawals of Arkansas crude could in time, unless more oil became available, threaten the source of supurday for a short stay in Memphis ply of refineries within the state. before going to Camp Van Dorn, Both for the purpose of meeting Natchez, Miss. to spend the holidays with her daughter, Miss Gwendolyn Dean, who is director of the servthe emergency, and preparing for

the future, Arkansas should be taking steps to clear the decks for launching of a statewide secondary Arkansas gasis playing an im-portant role in the war effort and tion for specialized training. recovery program,

points the way to a bright industrial future. Arkansas oil can do as much if every effort is made to capitalize on the opportunities afforded in both the new and old fields.

This selection will follow the general plan now in effect for the selection of enlisted men for officer candidate schools with such additional methods of ascertaining who has been stationed in Alaska the new and old fields.

FLAMING FINISH

with Gerd back up to the hotel.

long after he should have reached

Then, at twilight, a man came staggering in from the bridge to

tell how that small group had

been overwhelmed, and Trygve, his shells all spent, had died,

charging the Germans with the

them, crying, 'Long live Norway,' "
the man said. "He must have got

three or four before they brought

from all over Norway, from little

senders in the hills, from small

villages, from groups in the cities in cellars, from hidden stations on

the farms, the excited word came

The butcher ran after Gunnar, who was on his way out to the

road. "There is only one thing to

do," he cried. "Shove off the

boats while we have time, and

On every corner, men sat in the

snow at their machine guns and kept firing, holding, when often they did not know whether those

already at their backs. In the

red glare from burning houses on

the north road, a small party of the enemy charged to the very

edge of the square, and Gunnar,

Kjerlof, Jensen, and half a hun-dred more beat them back hand

But now they were at the end.

"GET the stores to the boats,"

back to the square.

Gunnar ordered, and went

The men at the guns turned

blackened faces toward him. "Where to, Gunnar? What do we

back, "Hold fast."

make for England."

they could hold out so long.

appropriate after consultation with educators. The War Department will control all selections and only enlisted men under 22 years of age will be eligible for selection under

The Navy's phase differed in providing that high school graduates or those between the ages of 17 and 19 years with satisfactory educational qualifications may be inducted as apprentice seamen or as privates in the Marine Corps, placed on active duty and assigned to colleges or universities

training. Requirements for participation in the program under the Navy regulation, as listed in the joint state-"Young men in civilian life who

are interested in the Navy college training program must meet

age as of the date

"2, Be organically sound, without physical disabilities and have

not less than 18-20 vision. "3. Be prepared to undertake a rigorous program of education on

the callege leval,"

Provision also was included in the Navy's program for education-al training of enlisted men between the ages of 17 and 22 years "who have proper educational qualifica-

tions and are recommended by their commanding officer."

The Navy provided that men assigned for training under the program will be eligible at any time

Hoover Favors | Many Members Cooling Period of Congress After the War Not to Return

Chicago, Dec. 17 -(AP) Advocatng "no armistice, no general peace conference such as Versailes," Herbert Hoover proposes the peace making at the end of the war should be divided into two stages "a preliminary declared peace, to be followed by a cooling off and deliberate period for the major questions."

The former president, who outlined his two step post-war peace plan in a broadcast address last night before the Executives Club, said the first of these stages should be "an instant 'conditional peace' that will turn the world topolitical, economic and spiritual recovery without the delays of last time."

In the second step, he proposed that "the world should take time to cool off and work out one by one and separately the solutins for lasting peace."

Hoover suggested that to accomplish the purposes of the proposal, the United Nations should agree in advance to terms of a conditional peace and a subsequent program, and also should impose and enforce the conditional peace. He outlined six points which he said should be included in the declaration of conditional peace, and added that "there will be a host of gigantic problems to be solved afterwards."

U. S. Condemns Treatment of Jews by Nazis

Washington, Dec. 17 -(P)- The Inited States today joined other United Nations governments in condemning Germany's "bestial policy of cold-blooded extermination" of the Jews and in pledging that those responsible "shall not escape retribution."

In announcing the move the state department said reports from Europe indicated that German authorities, passing beyond the stage of ordinary persecution, "are now carrying into effect Hiller's oft rethorities, passing beyond the stage peated intention to exterminate the Jewish people in Europe."

The announcement described Poland as "the principal Nazi slaughter house," where Ghettos established by the Germans now are being systematically emptied of all lished by the Germans now are Jews except a few skilled workers valuable to the war industries. It added:

"None of those taken away are ever heard of again. The ablebodied are slowly worked to death in labor camps. The infirm are left to die of exposure and starvation or are deliberately massacred in mass executions. The number of victime of these bloody cruelties is reckoned in the many hundreds of thousands of entirely innocent men; vomen and children.

We may have the priviledge of supplying a rejuvenated French army which, although it would cause a change in our calculation, would be a very agreeable burden.

ed States, 17 through 19 years of 🕨

upon request for transfer to avia-tion training.

Boys Club Is (Continued From Page One) Dues for sponsor members were not It is planned to purchase for the

Washington, Dec. 17 -(AP)- The

bound today after almost two years of continuous work during

which it inscribed on the pages of

history some of the most momen-

tous legislative acts since the na-

Adjournment was taken without

fanfare late yesterday with only a

make and hear the customary hail

Most memers had left Wash-

ngton days ago for a three - weeks

handful of members on hand

and farewell speeches.

tion was born.

Gymnasiam athletic equipment which may be used by the sponsor members of the club at hours which will not conflict with the boys The American Legion hall has

been made available for the use of the club until permanent quarters can be arranged.
The committee on athletic equip-

ment composed of Ted Jones chairman, Foy Hammonds, Martin Gehling and Albert Fink were in-structed to arranged purchase of athletic equipment for the club. It is planned to begin operation about the 1st of January 1943.

rest before returning on Jan. 6 to launch the 78th Congress on a legislative voyage that promises to

be as stormy as its predecessor's.
For more than 10 0 members, yesterday's lacklustre session brought an end to legislative carreers, some of brief duration and others, like that of the veteran Senator George Norris of Nebraska, of 77th congress was homeward long standing.

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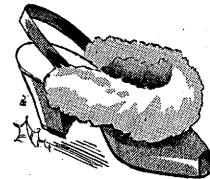
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will play his own composition of the 'Battle of Armageddon'' on the piano, as well as deliver the ser-mon. Mrs. Ruth L. Fox will sing. The Christmas program will be presented Sunday night beginning at 7:45 p. m. This program will consist of many of the Fox party's Mrs. Graydon Anthony, MIss own compositions. This will include Norma Lewis, Mrs. A. D. Russel, Mrs. Lloyd Kinard, Mrs. Oliver Mills, Mrs. Ralph Smith, Mrs. C. A. Hart, Mrs. Kenneth Hamilton, Mrs. and Mr. Fox's cantata, "The Good and Mr. Fox's cantata, "The Good Samaritan." Perhaps one of the highlights of this great program will be the painting in oils of"Whiter Than Snow", during the service by

Opportuntly (Continued From Page One)

the additional recovery of oil.

mel Young are visitors to Little Many wildcats probably would have to be drilled to tap a reserve

development.

Army and (Continued From Page One) specialized technical training of soldiers on active duty for certain this program, except for an advanced stage of technical training. army tasks for which its own

Firemen are shown battling a general alarm fire in

downtown Boston. Damage was estimated at a million dol-

lars. Twenty-one firemen and 36-coast guardsmen were in-

jured. The coast guardsmen were assisting the firemen

training facilities are insufficient in extent or character." It added that the plan would provide for "selection for this training of qualified young men on a broad democratic basis without regard to financial resources."

keep crowds in check.

"The selection of soldiers for rationing," the statement continued regarding the Army's phase of the program, "will be made from enlisted men who have completed or are completing their basic military

"This selection will follow the

the following requirements: "1. Be male citizens of the Unit-

THE EDGE OF DARKNESS Copyright, 1942

But Malken had an idea. "The The long shadows from roof and bridge is destroyed," he cried. "If whole time. "And from the hills," spire lengthened, and it was night. we took boats to the south shore he was saying, "we can come Hours before Osterholm had up from Stoksund over the snow Others will join us. All Nortaken a party into the hills to try on the roads we could be miles way will rise . . . back in the valleys. How would

to silence the gun. But he had not come back, and it had kept firing for months." "I know that region," Kjerlof ing machine guns, helmets, gresaid, and they remembered it had nades, bayonets. Some turned at

been he who had led Hammer over those hills to the border. butt end of his gun. "He went at they heard what had been decided. Others ran out to the road, to the line back of the church, to the alley beside the shoemaker's shop. "Keep hold of your rifles when you come," they cried.

The doctor came back from the hotel alone and went to work, his MARGIT OSTERHOLM, white of face, and looking much eyes looking darker and more tired, his cheeks sagging, his once older, was with Fru Eriksen, help-ing wounded men down to the voluble lips drawn taut, He shook his head to their questions. In the general store, Sverre boats. Solveig had run upstairs Trog sat by the wireless and called over and over again. "Namand come back with several pairs of skis. Sverre worked with the butcher starting up motors, throwsos . . Molde . . Trondheim . . . we are fighting in Helgeland. The people of Trollness have risen against the Germans." And ing out nets and fishing gear.

Einar and Oluf came, bearing the wireless between them. Stensgard went to Gunnar. He had to shout to be heard over the noise and the roaring of the flames. "When the men draw back

nar cried. "We'll have to try, that's all."
"No," Stensgard interrupted. "It's impossible. Some of them can't be moved. Leave us 10 rifles. You see those barrels?" He pointed toward the road leadthey did not know whether those ing down to the docks. "Leave us on the next street were still alive, whether the Germans were not and hold them until you get

"Get your wounded out," Gun-

away." Gunnar looked quickly around, and after a moment nodded. But then, realizing suddenly the full import of what the doctor had proposed, he stopped. "You too? You're not going with us? Doctor, are you mad?' "I stay with the sick," came the muttered answer. "Do we get the

rifles?" "Of course." "Good luck, then." Stensgard thrust out his hand. On the north road the enemy was coming forward again. There

"Get word to the gun crews," door to door they came, send-Gunnar said. "We sail for Eng-land." And his voice was as cas-CHAPTER XXVIII

MIDDAY grew into the short afternoon, and by half past two into dusk. Stensgard went with Gerd back up to the hotal

> The first of the boats had althey ever get soldiers at us in ready shoved off when they the mountains? We could hold out reached the dock. They tumbled in, some with rifles, some carry-

the very end to fire back at their pursuers. Here and there, when a boat was full, it would be Gunnar paced rapidly back into a boat was full, it would be the shop. Fishermen carrying pushed away.
out supplies hurried faster when Gunnar and Malken came last of all, the fisherman with an immense box of cartridges, the old

nades, bayonets. Some turned at

man carrying a machine gun far too heavy for him, for he staggered under its weight. There were only two boats still to go. They could hear the doctor firing behind them. But that last, feeble guard could never hold. The troops drove forward like a storm, into the guns and over the prone bodies. Those in the boats could see Konig brandishing a pistol over his head, and behind him the whole dock bright in the glare of immense waving

tongues of yellow flame. And then, with Gunnar in the last boat, straining at the tangled ropes that held it, and the first soldiers not 50 meters off, coming down hard toward him, Malken . . the troops will be on top of did the one thing no one expected you . . . before you get the boats or thought possible. But having misjudged Stensgard's ability to misjudged Stensgard's ability to hold, they would never have got clear without him. Still carrying the machine gun, he lifted himself back up onto the dock and setting it down, started firing desperately for Gunnar to gain time.

"Lars!" they cried from the boat, "Lars!" They thought that any moment he must fall. For what seemed an eternity he stemmed the rush. Then it surged toward him again, and just as the first troops reached him, he went down. But the boat was off, following

After the first feverish rush to get clear of the fire and away, the grim and tired men settled themselves, sat crosswise on the thwarts and gazed at each other, dismal and yet never looking

the others out.

backward.

The night was very cold. The sounds of the village receded; the firing stopped. The sea rose high about them, black and loud. was no stopping them. From

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Washington

By JACK STINNETT Wide World Features Writer

Washington - One of the Washington papers carried stories the other day to the effect that Army officers in charge of clearing land for a new airport hereabouts were burning cords of fine firewood after refusing to sell it to farmers and suburbanites shivering through

the fuel shortage.
The Army officers didn't use the wood themselves. They just heaped it in piles and burned it on the ground. An amazing thing in view of the fact that it is harderto get wood around Washington than it is to get fuel oil or coal.

From Kansas (and similar stor-ies have come from other states) there was a report that a dairy, serving 1,200 customers in a nearby town, had been let down with a gasoline rationing calling for six gallons of gasoline a week to service the entire dairy.

Out of a Senate committee investigating government question naires issued to business firms came the report from the National Association of Manufacturers that 89 firms had had to fill out 3,479 long-winded requesst for data on stocks, prices, costs, etc. These questionnaires, it was claimed, were costing the companies some-thing like half a million man-hours а уеаг.

The point in retailing all this is that I spent two hours the other night with a government official who claims that these and similar things are all that are wrong with the United States war effort.

As is often the case these days he must remain anonymous, but, cockle-burrs out from under the If we could just get those little he does deserve a direct uote: American public's saddle blanket, we could win this war in a week."

However, this government official had no solution to this prob-Iem other than to continue exposthese petty annoyances and forcing the little bureaucrats who cause them into other jobs or out of the government altogether.

This old government warhorse pointed out that the United States has one branch that is a slow but sure stop - gap for this sort of thing if enough pressure is brought to bear. That is the much-ma-ligned Congress.

If every person who received a silly, long - winded questionnaire; or who is subjected to inequities in rationing; or who has to put up with petty tyrannies from the little demagogues in government bureaus, would take time out to write his congressman or senator a concise statement of the indignities heaped upon him, many of those indignities would soon e exist.

In spite of all the raspberries i has been handed, Congress still is the best instrument for a pincer attack on those workers in the war effort who take the wrong direction.

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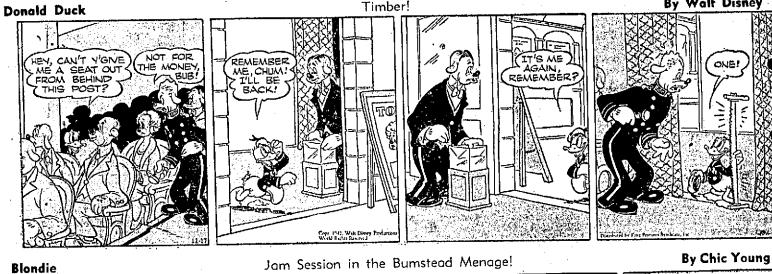


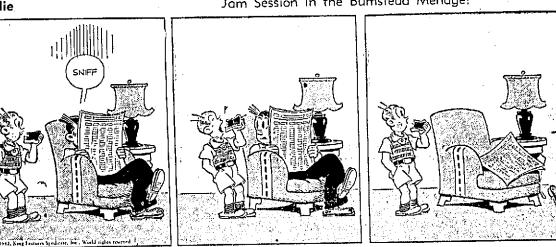
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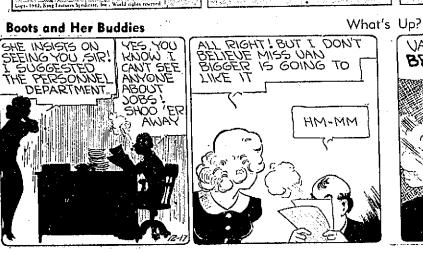


























New York, Dec. 17 -(/P)- Batting averages in the National

League are shrinking toward the vanishing point, the official figures showed today. The 1942 records just—released by League President Ford Frick dis-closed that the combined litting of

all the 265 players who took part in the senior circuit's games last season was .249, a decline of nine points from 1941 and a drop of 23 points in the last three years. Lombardi of the Boston who bagged the batting Ernie title for the second time in his career, finished with a .330 mark, 13 points less than the championship pace of Brooklyn's Pete Reis-

Similarly, the St. Louis Cardinals, who had the best club average in the league, had to be content with .273, four points less than te Dodgers of the year before. In 1939 the Cardinals clouted at a

.294 clip and the league averaged league dropped to .264 and the Pittsburgh Pirestee 1-1 Pittsburgh Pirates, leading batters as a club, averaged .276.

The continued decline has become such a problem that Warren Giles, general manager of the Cincinnati Reds, asked the major leagues at the recent meetings in Chicago to provide for the manufacture of a livelier ball. He didn't get an endorsement of his proposal but he did get named to a committee along with Commissioner Landis and William Harridge, president of the American League, to determine the specifications for

next season's oficial ball.
American League batting records
have not yet been released, but Giles said the combined average in the junior circut was cut down 22 points in the last three years.

This year only eight of the 78 batters who got into 75 or more games succeeded in batting .300 or better. Besides Lombardi they were Enos (Country) Slaughter of the Cardiern groups, this corner offers a sim- buck for baseball without short nals 318; his rookie teamamte, Stan Musial .315; Reiser .310; John Mize, New York 305; and Stan Hack, Chicago, Joe Medwick, Brooklyn, and Lou Novikoff, Chicago, each 300. In addition Harry Walker of the Cardinals, who appeared in 74 games and was brack-



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Wide World Sports Columnist New York, Dec. 17 (AP) - In rom12 to 10 men. . . Of course, keeping with that recently-revived there might be a question as to idea of splitting the major base- how many fans would shell out ball leagues into eastern and west- \$3,30 to see six-man football or a

ple (and no cracks, now) solution stops, but, heek, ain't this war-

SPORTS

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

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GLIDERS!

WASHING, PAJAMA TOPS ARE HUNG BY THE BOTTOM, AND

THE BOTTOMS BY THE TOP!

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

. . It's merely to use fewer players on a side. . . Before you start giggling, remember that football started out with 25 men on a side. eventually was reduced to 11 and they say this six - man football game that night and another pro played by schools that can't muster full teams isn't bad at all. Hockey used to be a seven - man game and old-timers say it was improved by elimination of the "Rov-. . basketball tried seven, eight and nine - man teams before settling on five and a few years ago Lacrosse teams were whittled

to the manpower shortage in sports

eted by the league with secondary players, hit .314.

team against the Boston Olympics. Lombardi was given official recognition as the batting champion even though he went to bat only 309 times in 105 games. The big catch er batted .342 for 489 times at bat in 129 games to win the title and ornia State Guard "on the frim conthe league's most valuable player award in 1938 when he was with

didn't take Tami long to reduce the Cincinnati Reds. him to rank. Staughter, who had 591 trips to the plate in 152 games, had the most nits, 188, and led in total bases with 292, in triples with 17 and in for the lightweight "title" Friday, singles with 127. Teammate Martin John J. Hall, New Jersey boxing Marion was tops in doubles with commissioner, plans to send cards

Mel Ott, player - manager of the ing: "Do you want to be a cham-pion? New Jersey is the place for you.". . Before he went into the New York Giants, led in home runs with 30 and scored the most runs, 118. It was his ninth year of Army, Ken Fairman, Princeton's scoring more than 100 runs, eighth collection of 30 or more homers an his sixth year leading the league in home runs.

During the season Paul Waner of the Boston Braves collected his 3,000 hit to join a select group of six others which have passed this six others which have passed this mark. All his predecessrs are now in the Hall of Fame.



AND BATHS

In Hot Springs National Park

Arkansas

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Confusion corner

Last week - end, Terry Reardon

Saturday afternoon, an amateur

Bruins. . . explanation is that

Terry is the property of the Bostin Canadians because he couldn't get

Then, when he was about to enter

the army, he was allowed a final

fling acrosss the border to show his

play with the Montreal Army

The day before he fought Tami

Mauriello, Lou Nova was promot-

ed to first leiutenant in the Calif-

viction that you will win.". . . It

If Tippy Larkin beats Beau Jack

One-Minute Sports Page

Today's Guest Star

Service Dept.

was a good enough miler to win the

Irish championship just before

World War I. , Seaman Tom Drake, former Brooklyn and Cleve-

land pitcher, won't have to dream about his white Christmas this

year. He recently was transferred

from the Norfolk Naval Training

There'll be a lot of basketball

scores to settle when the Corpus

Gray, the fliers coach, piloted the

Longhorns for six years and will

oppose his old tutor, Clyde Little-

field; the Navy team includes Bob

Kinney of Rice, Billy Dewell of

Southarn Methodist and John Dick,

who helped Oregon beat Texas in

Today A Year Ago - Joe Di-Maggio of New York Yankees was

named "athlete of the year" in an nual Associated Press poll.

Three Years Ago — Sam Snead won \$10,000 Miami Open Golf tourn-

ament with final round of 64 for

Five Years Ago - Don Budge

Sports Mirror

72-hole total of 271.

By The Associaed Press

Station to Kodiak, Alaska. . . .

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Observation Post

Washington, Dec. 17 -(P)- The collowing 33 players, selected from every team in the league, were named by Commissioner Elmer Layden to make up the National cootball league's all - star squad in the "pro bowl" game against the championship Washington Red-

skins in Philadelphia Dec. 27. Right ends - George Chicago Bears; Eddie Rucinski Brooklyn: Frank Ivy. Chicago Car-dinals: John Siegal, Chicago Bears. Right tackles — John Woudenberg, Pitts; Frank Cope, New York; Lee Artoe, Chicago Bears; Edward Kolman, Chicago Bears.

Right guards - Augie Lio, Derolt, Enlo Ciont ,Philadelphia. Centers -Clyde Turner, Chicago burgh; Charlle Brock, Green Bay. Left guards - Milt Simington, Pitisburgh; Danny Fortmann, Chi-

Left tackles — Chet Adams, Cleveand; Al Blozis, New York Giants; Vic Sears, Philadelphia. Left ends — Perry Schwartz, Brooklyn; Don Hutson, Green Bay; George Wilson, Chicago Bears. Quarterbacks — Tommy Thop-son, Philadelphia; Larry Craig,

Pittsburgh; Cecil Isbell, Left halfbacks - Bill

Greenbay: Sid Luckman, Chicago

Right halfbacks - Danti Magnani, Cleveland; Bosh Pritchard, Philadelphia; Merlyn Condit, Brooklyn. Fullbacks - Harry Hopp,

Marshall Goldberg, Chicago Cardi-Coaches — Hunk Anderson and

Luke Johnson, Chicago Bears, Layden said the only players on 'doubtful list' were Goldberg and Hutson, both injured during the regular season.

Library Holds Training Class at City Hall

played a professional hockey game The Hempstead County Library clerks met Tuesday, December 15th at the City Hall for the regular from th eskies and convined the tions at Pearl Harbor. Scott and game Sunday. . . And two of his training class with Miss Elsie nation that man-for-man, planeappearances were for Montreal Weisenberger, County Librarian as for plane the American fleirs Army missions which required darclubs visiting Boston, although Terry is the property of the Boston although instructor.

The class opened with Mrs Johnie McCabe reviewing "Jesus Story" a little New Testament by Maud and Miska Petersham. Reports were made from each library A quiz "Merry Christmas" which consisted of authors titles and characters of books and magazines were played. Mrs. Joe Jackson of

Washington won the first prize, Books of religion were discussed. Current question were asked and answered by the members of the group.

At the close of the meeting the class enjoyed a Christmas tree with a gift from each member. The January class will be held the third Tuesday. That time books from the one hundred group of the Dewey Desimal System will be re

Gloria Callen Selected No. 1 Girl in Sports

ex-graduate manager who has insisted on being a tank commander New York, Dec. 17 -(AP)- The instead of a football player, told experts taking part in the Associated Press poll may not know their women athletes very well, but nobody can accuse them of not hav gers in 1869 was the first inter-

ing an eye for pulchritude.
Asked to name their first, second and third choices of the outcollegiate grid game. . . Because of travel restrictions, the dough collected to send the Tulsa U. band standing women athletes of the to the Sugar Bowl will be investfading year, the experts by an overwhelming vote selected beauteous Gloria Callen, the Nyack, N. Y., ed in war bonds to buy new unischool girl swimmer, as No. 1, but from there on they were confused, Irv Kupcinet, Chicago Times:

to say the least.
Miss Callen, who holds 31 na-Branch Rickey is the most artful dodger of all the Dodgers and his tional swimming records polled statement to the Montreal Press in 135 points from the 67 sports writers who voted. She was named for first place in 38 of the ballqts, with eight second - place votes and five eleasing Clyde Sukeforth sounded ike Cicero's 'evasion of reason,' with plenty of evasion and little votes for thrid.

In second place with a total of 67 points, and six first-place votes, Sir Harold Alexander, British was Fauline Betz, national wom-commander in the Middle East, en's tennis champion. Betty Jameson, golf star, placed third with 58 points. Miss Jameson gained 13 lirst-place votes.

Louise Brough, runnerup to Miss Betz in the national championships, was the only other athlete even to approach the leaders in point total. She received only one first - place vote but her point total was respectable 26.

From there on everything was a little hazy to the experts, with Christi Naval Air Station plays little hazy to the experts, with Texas U. Saturday. Lieut. Jack names listed on ballots with aban-

Two first - places votes apiece went to Helen Crlenkovich, natoinal fancy diving champion, and Alice Marble, former amateur and pro tennis star, and single firstplace votes went to Nancy Merki swimmer; Sarah Palfrey Cooke, tennis player; Patty Berg, golfer; Babe Didrikson Zaharias, golfer, and Patsy McWhorler, swimmer.

The sum total of her (woman's) knowledge will be increased in the post war world because more women will have worked at men's jobs. More intereste in common should make for better understanding between husbands and wives.

and Alice Marble were ranked No. nis players of United States for 1 among men and women and ten- 1937.

Arkansas Had Running Start on Rest of Nation in Heroes

(Editor's note: This is the last of a series of articles digesting the day-by-day news of Arkansas' first year in

By SAM G. HARRIS ittle Rock, Dec. 17 -(P)- Arkansas had a running start on the rest of the nation when it came to compiling a roll of state heroes in the global war. Gen. Douglas Mac-Arthur, a native of Little Rock, began adding to his already illustrious exploits as soon as the first bomb fell on the Philippines. But

in the hall of heroes.

Every Arkansas man on the oficial casualty lists of the Army, Navy and Merchant Marine is a hero in his own right, in his home state but Arkansas had scores of neroes who became nationally nown through their deeds that nade headlines.

There were Lt. Comdr. John Thach of Fordyce; Lt. Scott (Go Gettum) McCuskey of Stuttgart; Lt. Cmdr. C. M. Wassell, Little lock: Lt. Samuel Heins Marrett, Little Rock; Capt. Harry Galusha, Little Rock; Lt. Cecil Gregg of DeQueen; Lt. (J. G.) Henry J. Brantingham of Fayetteville; Lt. Earl R. Kingsley of Clinton, and Lt. Paul J. Riley of Hot Springs, among the officer heroes.

There were Pvt. Julius Lewis Jr. Clarendon; Sgts. Clyal M. Gilbert, Delight; J. T. Jenkens, Monticello; Robert A. Clement, Grapevien; and Robert E. Pearce, Marmaduke; Pvt. Alvin Martin of Culp; Seamen Roy Jim Scott, Dardanelle, and Willie Guy Bench, Fayetteville; Machinist's Mates Robert Floyd Brannon, Joseph C. Chalker troit; Dick Riffle, Pittsburgh; of Texarkana and John H. Lewis Garry Famiglietti, Chicago Bears; of Mt. Holly among the enlisted heroes.

> Last - or perhaps it could be first — there were flight officer Neil G. Martin, the Texarkana the University of Arkansas before Flying Tigers of the Chinese Air learning to fly. Martin was with the youth who starred in tahletics at Force. He went down in flames off Burma while fighting the Japs.

There literally are dozens of othor Arkansas heroes who were cited for conspicuous gallantry during the first year of war but these are typical.

Midway battles. They were in Navy fighter squadrons which knocked uncounted Jap planes

Commander Wassell, a Naval medical officer, bet his life and professional and Naval reputation that ne could evacuate two - score badly wounded charges from Java on a leaky inter - island steamer. He

Marrett was on a bombing mis-soin off Luzon. His bombs were gone when he sighted a loaded Japanese transport maneuvering to discharge its horde of invaders. He dived his plane into the transport's other Arkansans soon joined him side. It cost his life and hundreds of the enemy lives as the transpor sank.

Galusha took his bombber through curtain of anti-aircraft fire to pill bombs on a Jap naval concer tration of Java with telling effect and then nursed his shot-up plane ack to a makeshift base. Gregg exhibited rare gallantry

repeatedly in the air fighting over Java and was cited personally by MacArthur. Kiglsey displayed marked bravery when his fighting squadron broke up a formation of Jap bombers attempting to raid Darwin, Australia. Brantingham was one of the "expendables" whose motor torpedo boats helped evacuate MacArthur and others from Cooregidor after dealing misery to the Jap Navy there.

Riley, Annapolis graduate and a former Hot Springs High school football player, was awarded the Navy Cross as leader of a torpedo squadron which sank a Japanese cruiser in the battle of Midway He is missing in action.

Lewis, a regular Army man, manned one of Bataan's foxholes, accounting for 16 Japs with his machnie gun in one action and commenting that he was afraid he'd forgotten how o handle the weapon ing in a hazardous mass flight of

Gilbert got a DFC for participatbombers over the Pacific. Pearce bailed out of a stricken bomber off the Pacific coast to lighten its load so it would have a chance of making land wt inttoech m crewmen. He is "missing." Jenkins, Clement sand fc. Floyd

McKinney of Greenwood were with the famous Fourth Marines who fought a tManila, Oolangpo, Ba-Thach and McCuskey helped taan and finally at Corregidor with make history in the Coral sea and such bravery that Army awarded then Silver Stars. They, too, are ''missing.''
Alvin Martin earned his decora-

Bench were aboard submarines on

Masked Man



MASKED MAN. Coffee drinking Coast Guardsman, aboard schooner of Corsair fleet, opens the mouth flap of his heavy weather helmet to down a Coast Guard photo.)

ing and stamina. They got Silver Stars from the Army.

Brannon, of the Greenbrier baseoall family, was aboard the cruiser Omana which ran down and cap-tured the Odenwald, a German Uboat mother ship, although the crew tired to scuttle the prize.

Chalker and Lewis were with Brantingham's flotilla which helped save MacArthur from Japanese imprisonment. They got Army Silver

Should the war end tomorrow, Arkansas already has given enough

heroes to the conflict to full filum eof its history.

The second year of war is nder way. Arkansas' sons will neard from more and more. I second volume of the "War in

Septuagenarian Is Knitting Champ

kansas" already is growing.

St George, Utah (4")— A kniftin career begun with string garters when he was seven years old is carrying 74-year-old Joseph F. Barton along of enviable records with the clicking

Barton, ranked ahe the fastest kn er in southern Utah, has turned of Il sweaters and 27 pairs of socks sit he began knitting for the Red Cr last July. He hopes to smash World War I record of 94 sweat and 102 pairs of socks.

He was big and tough-fisted enou to enforce his hobby for knitting gainst the jibes of others wheri drove mail through Secret Canyon Colorado years ago. Barton seys used to anchor the reins under on foot in order to devote both hand to his needles. Once his team range off the road and tipped over the buck. board, but Barton contends he clutched his knitting "and never lost" stitch."

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Darlan Says French Must Help Beat Axis

By WES GALLAGHER Allied Headquarters in North Af-Hea. Dec. 17 -(A) - Admiral Jean Darian declared in a formal state-ment yesterday that 'French Afriea with the Allies, must make the maximum military effort for the defeat of Germany and Italy."

The former commander of all Vichy's armed forces disclaimed personal ambition as his motive for joining the Allies and said that once free of the Axis yoke "the French people themselves will decide freely the form of government and national policy they de-

11 have stated emphatically and repeatedly to Commander-in-Chief General Eisenhower that in leadmg North and West Africa against Germany and Italy and into the ranks of the United Nations I seek no assistance or support for my personal ambition," he told American and British correspondents. (Reuters quoted him as telling this press conference that the Germans "had me by the throat," and that cooperation with the Nazis in

tion of French Africa had been forced upon him. "("Every move I made," he con-finued, according to Reuters, everything I said or wrote, and everyone with whom I talked came under the closest German scrutiny. There were spies about me all the

the days before the Allied occupa-

Standing besides Darlan as he read his statment to correspondents at his luxurious villa Robert Murphy, President Roosevelt's special reperesniative.

The stocky, red faced admiral, recognized by Leiut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisehower as high commission ergof French africa, said that "a last liberated from German and Italian restrictions, French author-Ries in Africa will adjust the situa tion which has existed to accord with French National traditions.' Peering through his horn-rimmed

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glasses as he read his statement, he said these steps already had

8-"Measures have been taken to stop immediately whatever persecution of Jews may have resulted from laws passed in France under German pressure." 2-"North African shipping is al-

"General amnesty has been United Nations." granted to those who were imprisoned because of sympathy with

the Allies, and "certain of these have been given important posts in the high commissariat." 4-"A body of "representative private citzens" is being organized

to work with Darlan "in an advisory and consultative capacity in carrying official business." 5-"Prisoners and internees of the United Nations have been

promptly released and their travel to the scaboard expedited." "On the practical military side." Darlan said, "General Henri Honor Giraud has conducted most active participation of the

in the Allied war efcort. "Units of substantial size under the leadership of General Giraud are fighting side by side with the United Nations in Tunisia against

the Germans and Italians. "All posts and airfield facilities, including the services of officials and technicians, have been made freely available for use by the Al-

. . Everything that North Africa has to give has been freely offered to the Allied forces wh offered to the Allied forces whereever military need extis.

Darlan added:

"I have announced that my sole oupose is to save French Africa, help Free France, and then retire to pirvate life with the hope that the future leaders of France may be selected by the French people themselves, and by no one else.'

This Way's Too Easy To Quit The Army

Camp Upton, L. I. (AP)-This soldier thought he had an easy way to get out of the army.

One of the camp's chaplins saw him in civilian clothes on a bus, on his way home. Asked where he was going the soldier said:

"I got up this morning and I told the sergent I had been in the army 12 days and that I was tired of it and wanted to go home. The sergeant said, 'Get out of here.' So I did."

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Lithe Lines



LITHE LINES. It takes no great stretch of imagination to figure why Los Angeles apparel manufacturers named Edith Leach the "model most likely to succeed."

Old-Age Romance

Durham, England (P)- "You'er very bold man," commented Mr. Justice Hallet when he granted 72year-old Hennry Neil a divorce-Neil vants to reamrry.

Be careful of too much plumpness-

Admiral Darlan Hope for Early (Continued From Page One)

query as to whether it was his plan "as chief of state to establish regular diplomatic relations with nis Allies, the United States and Britain.'

The admiral then was asked this double question:

"Is it Mr. Darlan's intention to old North Africa in trust for Marshal Petain? In other words, is the imperial council with Mr. Darlan at its head a permanent government or does Mr. Darlan olan to step aside for Marshal Petain when France is free again?' "I consider the high commissioner's part is to represent French interests as long as France is unable to express freely her opinion hat is to say, to give herself the

government she chooses," was the esponse. In conclusion, the admiral was

"Would Mr. Darlan like to give any explanation of his change of of views as expressed a few weeks ago contrasting with his present position on the side of the Allies?" The man about whose intentions the world has speculated since

word first was recived that he was when the American forces landed there replied: "The aim of all I did while in the French cabinet was to keep with in due limits the power Ger-

many had gained over France and to save a itlhatolued be saved in to save all that could be saved in my unfortunate country and its empire. No Frenchman worth that name, and I, in the first place, could willingly submit to German oppression.

"As long as the Allied nations were not ready to help France in resuming the struggle I tried, sad and resigned, to prevent France from dying under the German heel.

When the Allied forces landed in North Africa I carried on the orders I had received to keep France's word, which latter had prevented for 28 months Axis forces from coming to French Af-

"I gave the cease fighting order as soon as possible. Being disavowed by Vichy I committed myself to the American military authorities so that I should not cause more French and Allied blood to be shed. Then, when Germany broke the armistice, I considered I could once more act freely.

"The so-much wanted hour having struck, I acted as the man who was eventually to take Marshal Petain's place and tried to muster on the Allied nations' side all Frenchmen still able to resume

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Settlement of sults. **Power Rates**

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 17 -(R)-Prospects for an early conclusion of a Federal Power Commission hearing into reasonableness of rates charged the government by a Southwest Power pool for electricity to the Lake Catherine, Ark., aluminum plant waned today after FPC counsel requested voluminous date on individual operations of

pool members and three affiliates. Lambert Mc Allister, FPC attorney from Washington, asked that operations data from each of the 10 pool members and three nonmember affiliates be presented Pool spokesmen said at least four days would be needed to assemble the material. McAllister said the data was needed for cross - examination purposes. The three affiliates are the New Orleans Public Service Company, the Texas Electric Service Company and the Dallas Power and Light Company.

The Pool's third witness of the hearing, which started Monday, was presented yesterday. He was L. R. Lefferson, rate chief of Ebasco Services, Inc., New York, who testified that he considered the Power Pool's rates to the plant 'too low.'

with Pool officials preparing the rates, said by other witnesses to be \$2 per kilowatt of demand plus four mills per kilowatt hour of consumption.

Hunters Used To Scatter Birds

Aberdeen, S. D. (A)-It was like turning a youngster loose in a candy store when the Federal government invited hunters to shoot pheasant at Sand Lake refuge near here.

The idea was to scatter the thousands of birds which had become too concentrated for the amount of cover and food available, officials said.

State regulations which permitted seven birds a day and 21 in possession had to be followed, however. The refuge was opened the last three week of a 90-day upland bird scason.

fighting and march on with

"On Nov. 11 I ordered the fleet in Toulon to cross to Africa so that it should preserve its freedom and power of action where French interests were concerned, but or the evening of Nov. 10 the marshal had taken over command of all French military forces.

"The commander-in-chief of the fleet did not listen to what I said. I reckon that from the minute Hitler's gangs invaded unoccupied France and broke the armistice it was absolutely necessary to give the fleet and air force orders to leave France to come and reinforce our military organiztaions in

Darlan left Alglers yesterday morning in a French Army Martin Bomber for a one-day inspec-tion trip to "the east of Algira"presumably Tunisia. British fight-

London, Dec. 17 -(A)- Admiral Jean Darlan's statement in North Africa disavowing personal amb-l tions as his motive for joining the Allies brought mixed reactions today from the British.

Editorial comment on the whole was cool but the Times said his disayowal of personal ambitions beyond the liberation of France was welcome news.

The newspaper expressed the hope that patriotism would "dictate early withdrawal of the leader who stands in the way of wider union of Frenchmen."

The Daily Telegrah said: For the sake of future Franco-British relations we must not only be sure now that Darlan's measures are more than paper but we must also note that he has ruled himself out of office whenever France has a chance to settle her own affairs."

Emanuel Shinwell, outspoken Laborite member of parliament and bitter critic of collaboration with the admiral, said "Darlan must be considered only in terms of the servcies he can render. When we succeed in North Africa we can do with Darlan as we

A Fighting French spokesman asseretd Darlan's "whole career has proved that his only motives are personal motives."

The British admiralty meanwhile announced that RAF photographs of Toulon harbor showed "the thoroughness with which French seamen carried out their bitter task' of scuttling the French fleet there.

They said 44 vessels, including the battleships Strasbourg and Provence, were partially submerged and only 15 vessels of various types, including two cruisers, apparently were undamgaed but perhaps damaged internally.

Our Allies, Says FDR Washington, Dec. 17 -(P)- The people of North Africa not only have Allied themselves on the side of liberalism and against the Axis, says President Roosevelt, but also "have accomplished much" in sup-

port of the Allied war effort. The president, welcoming North Africans as Allies last night, issued the text of a statement by Admiral Jean Darlan calling on his fellow Frenchmen for united effort to defeat Germany and Italy.

The president made no comment

on the status of Admiral Darlan, who was chief of the Vichy government's armed forces until he cast his lot with the Allies after the American occupation of French North Africa last month, nor did he voice any opinion on Darlan's disclaimer of personal ambitions for

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were bombed with excellent re-Rommel evidently had been so

intent on avoiding just such a pitched fight as the British pocket forced on him that only feeble rearguard patrols were put out to delay the British, whose pace was checked principally by a long supply line and the elaborate maze-ofmines Rommel left behind.

The German ...communique, for the first time, acknowledged the renewal of Rommel's flight which it said was developing "according

Allied air power also took heavy new toll on enemy bases in Tunisia. The Cairo emmunique said docks at Tunis and La Gou-lette were bombed again Tuesday night in a raid "which lasted more han eight hours." Hits were scored on an oil stor-

age depot, barracks, freight yards

and La Goulette Islainds, causing violent explosions and large fires, t said, and the canal between Tunis and La Goulette "was partially Philippeville, Increasing Allied patrol activity n Tunisia, including some of their the countryside probably would be dry enough soon for largescale

tank warfare bolstered indications

that the lull there would not con-

tinued much longer. Associated Press Correspondent

Lefferson declared he consulted William B. King, in a dispatch with Pool officials preparing the written at the Tunisian front yes-

terday, said that a major battle apparently was in the offing.

King told of visiting a British tookout post atop a high hill on the eastern outskirts of Medjez-El-Bab, whence he could see the German postlions two miles away.

West of Medjez-El-Bab, King to drive the Germans from Tunisia, said, the Allies were building up their striking power for a big push but he declared this would not be casy.

"The Germans have a big Army in Tunisi, a including some of their finest fighting units," he wrote, "This indicated the campagin here is no mere delaying action for the Germans and will be the scenn of one of Hitler's main efforts to halt

the Allies. "Axis troops have been drawn from all parts of Europe, and many wear decorations won on the Russian front. German reinforcements planes and gliders."

Is Made Corporal Keesler Field, Miss., Dec. 11-Private First Class Remmel H. Young, son of Mrs. S. R. Young, West Division St., Hope, Ark., re-

of Corporal at the Airplane Mechanics school of the Army Air Forces Technical-Training Com-Allergic To Khaki

cently was promoted to the grade

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London (P)-James Dodds known as the "Man who can't wear Khaki," has been honerably discharged from the Royal Marines, Able-bodied and fit, he developedehronie dermatitis after serving more than two years sian front. German reinforcements and doctors recommended his dis-are being rushed in by transport and doctors recommended his dis-





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